



## FISCAL YEAR 2021 ANNUAL REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### ***A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MONICA RITCHIE***

It is a distinct privilege to introduce you to the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service (MCVS) Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2021. Even in these most uncertain times, Volunteer Mississippi was committed to serving communities all over our great state. We are so proud that AmeriCorps Programs and Volunteer Hubs alike continued their work with grit and determination. The MCVS Staff, the Board of Commissioners, and our Honorary Chair, First Lady Elee Reeves, proved their worth time and time again in how they responded to adversity and change. I am exceedingly grateful for their counsel and commitment to making Mississippi stronger, wiser, and healthier. And we are indeed getting stronger, wiser, and healthier: this year's Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence Awards honored an incredible group of individuals in their efforts to make Mississippi THE place to live, work, and play.

The Commission has continuously lent its time, talents, and resources to the state and nation for twenty-seven years. In the years to come, we will continue to stand together, learn from the voices of our betters, and persevere in our efforts to get things done. The challenges and opportunities presented to us this year gave us a new perspective and stoked our desire to make Mississippians' lives better. Thank you for joining us on our journey to do just that.

Yours in service,  
Monica L. Ritchie

### ***WHAT WE DO***

Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service engages and supports Mississippians of all ages and backgrounds in service to their communities while working to encourage a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility to America.

### ***FISCAL YEAR 2021 IMPACT AT A GLANCE***

**Every dollar invested by the State of Mississippi was leveraged to secure an additional \$7.31 in non-state funding**

- Generated over **\$6 million** in outside resources from AmeriCorps, businesses, foundations, public-private partnerships, and other sources in the state
- Administered **11 AmeriCorps programs** that provided over 400 opportunities for individuals to serve their communities
- Over **\$3,802,241 in educational awards** were earned by AmeriCorps members
- Tutored over **2,513 students** and prepared over **250 pre-K students** for school
- Provided health education to over **590 youth**
- Prepared **419 individuals** to enter the workforce
- Treated over **60 acres** of public land
- Tracked over **240,000 hours of volunteer service**
- Trained over **576 nonprofits** in volunteer management and capacity building
- **Matched 5,000 volunteers** with rewarding volunteer opportunities at over 650 nonprofits

The full Annual Report for FY 2021 is available at: [VolunteerMississippi.org](https://www.volunteermississippi.org)